

Mrs. Morgenthau Grants Interview In Her Charming Home In Riverdale, N.Y.

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Robert M. Morgenthau stepped into the bright, white glare of the political arena when he became Democratic candidate for governor of New York State. Like all candidates' wives, Martha Patridge Morgenthau will share the spotlight with him.

With the campaign still in its early stages, little has been seen of Mrs. Morgenthau. A picture here and there, showing a pleasant-faced woman of average height, average weight. A mention that she was born in Minnesota. The news that she expects her fifth child in January — Jan. 7, to be exact — but will travel with her husband whenever possible.

On a rainy afternoon late last week, Mrs. Morgenthau granted The Knickerbocker News her first full-scale interview of the campaign — a two-hour chat at the Morgenthau's nine-room white brick and clapboard house in the Riverdale section of New York City, an unexpected oasis of winding country lanes, trees and flagstone terraces in the upper Bronx, minutes west of the Henry Hudson Parkway.

Mrs. Morgenthau, wearing a blue sweater, black skirt and low-heeled shoes, answered the door when photographer Bob Paley rang. She gave us firm handshakes and urged us inside "to have a cup of hot coffee."

Over coffee, we learned Martha Morgenthau answers questions slowly and directly, looking her questioner straight in the eye. She is not a glib nor easy talker and seemed a little surprised — as well she might be — as she told the story of her life — and of her husband's and children's lives — to people she had met only a few minutes before. She is not a fidgeter nor a fusser. Between questions, she sits quietly, waiting for the next query.

A native of Minneapolis and daughter of the publisher of a flour milling trade magazine, she is 42 years old. Her parents both came from Burlington, Vt., and when it was time to go away to school, she chose Smith College at Northampton, Mass. It was there that she met, through mutual friends from Minneapolis, Bob Morgenthau, who was attending Amherst College a few miles away.

"I guess you'd say we started going around together, as they called it in our day," Mrs. Morgenthau explained.

"After college, Bob went into the Navy and I took a job in Washington, as a secretary in the British Ministry of Supply. We were married Dec. 30, 1943, during one of Bob's leaves from the Navy."

The Morgenthau's have kept house in New Haven while Mr. Morgenthau got his law degree at Yale; in an apartment in New York City's Peter Cooper Village and have been in Riverdale 11 years.

Their four children are Jenny, 17; Anne, 15; Eleanor, 11; and Bobby, 5. Jenny and Bobby attend Fieldston, the ethical culture school about five minutes' driving time from their home.

Last week, Anne was enrolled in a boarding school at Concord, Mass.

"Jenny and Anne are so close in age that I found friends mistaking one for the other in the street," Mrs. Morgenthau explained. "I thought it was wise to help Anne build an identity of her own."

Eleanor, the 11-year-old daughter, is mentally retarded and attends the Lochland School at Geneva, N.Y.

"The Morgenthau's do not brood over this," an associate told us. "I rather think it tends to deepen their enjoyment of their other children."

Before Mr. Morgenthau's nomination for governor, the family lived a life typical of the New York City suburbs. Mrs. Morgenthau was busy with car pools and meetings. Mr. Morgenthau commuted to his office in downtown Manhattan 20 minutes away.

In their leisure time, the family is active in sports like another prominent Democratic family. They swim, ski, play tennis and ice hockey and the girls do figure skating. This last is an influence from their mother's Minnesota girlhood.

"In Minneapolis, everyone lives near a skating rink," she explained.

Mrs. Morgenthau has "one good woman" to do the housework and cooking.

"On Thursdays and Sundays, her day off, I cook for my family — by necessity," she said.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Morgenthau are vitally interested in community life in Riverdale. Mrs. Morgenthau has been president of the Parents Association at the Fieldston School ("I was proud of that," she said) and is chairman of the Riverdale Red Cross Chapter.

The candidate's wife looked surprised when I asked her if she and her husband often visited New York City night clubs or posh restaurants.

"Only when we have guests from out of town," she replied. "Our idea of a good evening is dinner at a friend's house and discussion of the current project in Riverdale — and Riverdale is full of community projects."

What is Martha Patridge Morgenthau like as a woman? What is her home like?

As her pictures show, she is of average height and weight, with pale blue eyes and brown hair worn short and curly. She wears little makeup — light lipstick only on the day of the interview — and little jewelry: her wedding and engagement rings, a wrist watch.

She was brought up as a Protestant, her father, James Patridge, is Episcopal; her late mother was a Unitarian. Her children are being brought up in the Jewish faith, their father's.

Mrs. Morgenthau's casual taste in clothes ("I like to look at clothes but you couldn't say I'm interested in fashion") is reflected in the comfortable but casual furnishings in her home.

A brook flows through the Morgenthau's front yard and you approach their house over a white foot bridge. The front door opens into a wide hall which leads to the living room at the rear of the house, opening on a terrace.

The living room walls are pale green; the rug is beige. The fireplace mantel stars "sculpture" executed by the children at school — a clay horse, wooden whales. Paintings by friends are displayed on the walls — watercolors of Henry Morgenthau's estate in Dutchess County; an oil by a psychiatrist who is a family friend.

Newspapers — Mr. and Mrs. Morgenthau read at least four a day — are piled waist-deep in a magazine rack ("we're trying hard to get through them.")

An old upright piano ("nobody plays it now") occupies one corner of the room; a gate-leg table is "spread Eagle" between the windows. The table is colorful with copies of The New Yorker, Life and Time and, in a double frame, an autographed color picture of the President and Mrs. Kennedy facing a copy of the President's inaugural address.

These pets have the run of the Morgenthau house — Hiram and Hannah, black border

colliers; Kudo, a cat of uncertain ancestry; a bird called "Fitzey" after John Fitzgerald Kennedy, whose administration is the same age as the bird named for him.

Mrs. Morgenthau already has made a campaign swing or two with her husband and plans more.

"The doctor told me just one thing — don't get caught too far from home toward the end," she laughed, referring to her pregnancy.

She will make no policy speeches but will "be happy to say hello to anyone who wants to be said hello to." Already the campaign has begun to invade family life.

"The other day," Mrs. Morgenthau recalled, "Bobby handed me four cents. He had collected from a friend because he understood campaigns were expensive."

Mrs. Morgenthau has never seen the Executive Mansion in Albany. But she looked around her living room at pets, newspapers and children and announced: "We sure could use the extra room."

U.S. Cutter Rushes To The Rescue

Rochester—(UP)—A Norwegian tanker came to the aid of a disabled tug boat with four men aboard that was shipping water in high seas on Lake Ontario Friday, but a barge with two men aboard still was reported in trouble.

Coast guard cutters and launches battled 15-foot waves and 40 knot winds to reach the Russell 20, a tug enroute from New York City to an unknown destination. The barge, which broke away from the tug during a severe storm, was stranded off Braddock's Point, but the coast guard expressed no immediate fear of any danger.

The Norwegian Tanker Blatzberg was reported to be escorting the Russell 20 to Main Duck Island off Sodus Bay near Rochester.

The barge and the tug separated at about 2:30 a.m. during a heavy wind and rain storm.

The 180-foot cutter "White Lupine" was enroute to the scene from Ogdensburg, N.Y., and a 36-foot launch and other craft were dispatched from Rochester.

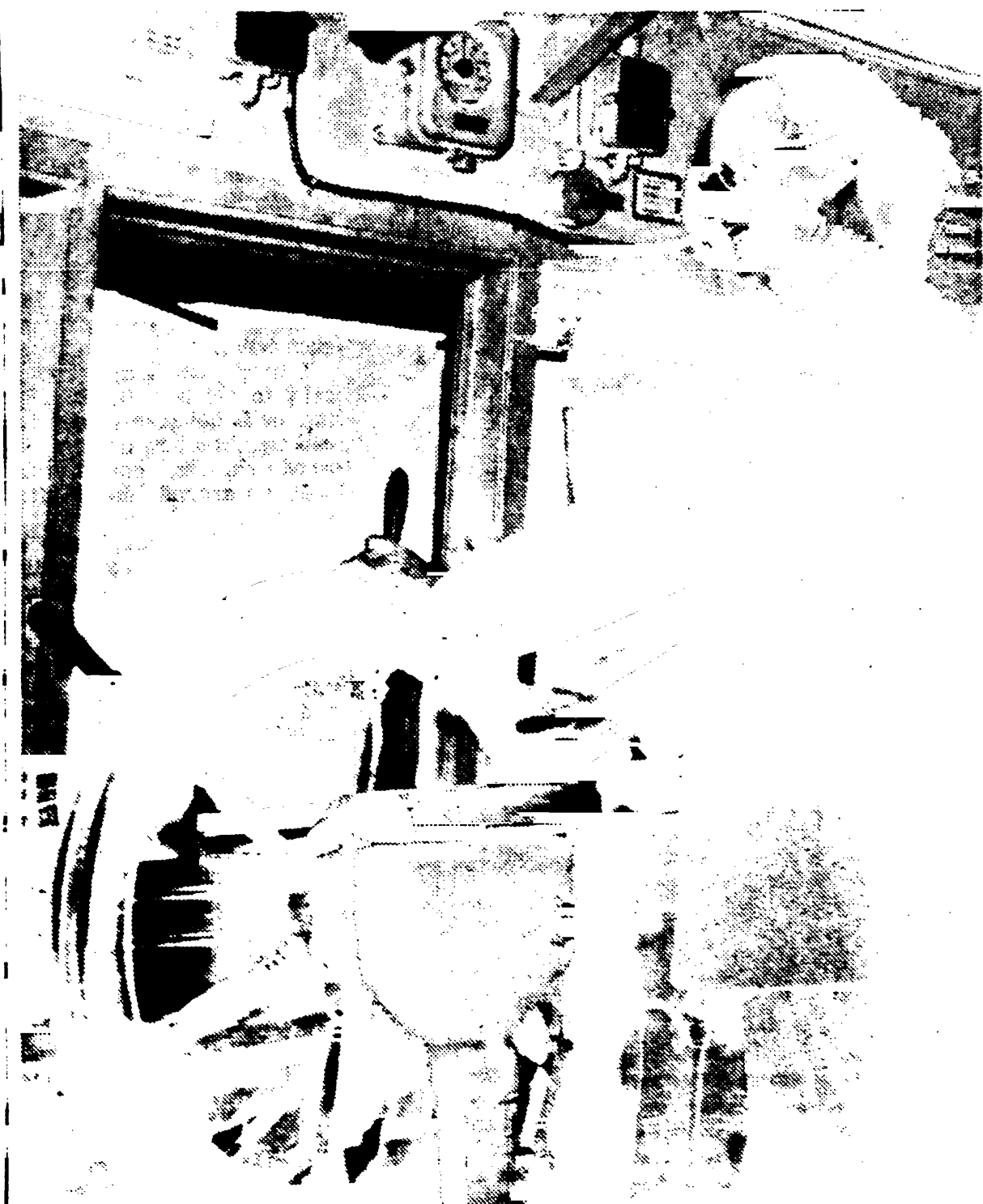
Shower Held For Jacqueline Friot At Madrid Home

By Mrs. LESLIE SHORT
Madrid — Miss Jacqueline Friot, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Friot, State St., Madrid, was the guest of honor at a bridal shower Saturday evening, given by Miss Shirley Spicer at the Friot home.

Some 30 guests attended. Two cakes, one a wedding cake and the other a birthday cake, were the chief features of the refreshment table. Miss Friot's birthday was Saturday also.

Miss Friot, a beautician, is a 1960 graduate of the Madison-Waddington Central School. She will be married to Martin Schneider of Watertown in the near future.

Merrill Pierce, an employee of the Massena ALCOA plant,



NOW HEAR THIS — Robert M. Morgenthau, a former Navy combat officer and now Democratic candidate for governor cannot resist putting a firm hand on the wheel of the Staten Island ferry during a handshaking tour Oct. 2 on which he met early morning commuters to Manhattan. Morgenthau won two Bronze Stars for heroism while serving as executive officer on three different destroyers in World War II.

Point Rockaway Sewing Group Meets At Putneys

Mrs. Ivan Putney was hostess at her home for the October meeting of the Point Rockaway Sewing Group. Eleven members and a guest, Mrs. Horace Scott, were present for the dinner which preceded the meeting which was planned and served by Mrs. Putney and Mrs. Newell Burrows.

Mrs. Marion Duffy presided at the business meeting.

Four quilt tops have been purchased for the sewing work and four quilts were tied at the meeting.

Rites Today

Brier Hill — Funeral rites for Mrs. Frank (Leona) Palmer Lunderman, 71, who died Thursday, Oct. 4 at her home here, will be held this afternoon at 2 p.m. at the Eustis funeral home in Hammond.

The Rev. Dr. W. H. Campbell of Ogdensburg, retired Presbyterian minister, will officiate. Burial will be in Ingham cemetery here.

Who was taken ill at his work a week ago and admitted to Massena Memorial Hospital, Massena was removed to the Canton Hospital by the Madrid Rescue Squad Monday. It was reported that Mr. Pierce was suffering from severe chest pains.

Seaway Port Promotion Held In New York City

Massena — The first meetings held by any American at the Port of Chicago, Robert Smith, Port of Duluth, and St. Lawrence Seaway Administration New York City by the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority.

The Toledo port has developed a 15-minute sound and color film stressing the benefits of using the Seaway trade routes in New York.

Officials of the Toledo port are planning a visit to Europe, Hotel, and the second at the Downtown Athletic Club.

Attending these meetings were Capt. John Manley of the Port of Chicago, Robert Smith, Port of Duluth, and St. Lawrence Seaway Administration, Joseph H. McCann, chairman, W. W. Knight, Jr., and color film stressing the benefits of using the Seaway trade routes in New York.

Fall Beauty In Ramapos Hills Vivid Spectacle

Sterling Forest, N. Y. — the top of Tiger Hill adjoining the Gardens. Here one of the double chair lifts that will carry skiers up the slopes during the winter is now operating during week-ends.

The Eastern United States is one of only two or three areas in the world where fall coloration may be seen. This is because three specific conditions must exist to produce the extravaganza: bright clear sunshine, cool weather and trees that lose their leaves.

Cool weather stops the production of chlorophyll which makes leaves green. Then chemicals already present in the leaves begin to show their true colors: Anthocyanins predominate in red leaves; xanthophyll in yellow and carotene in the pale yellow to orange leaves. Through pure chemistry nature produces pictures that are beyond the reaches of either artist or film.

From New York City, Westchester and Connecticut, the most colorful route to Sterling Forest Gardens is via the George Washington Bridge, along the Palisade Interstate Parkway to New York Thruway Interchange 13, continuing to Exit 15 at Suffern, then north on Route 17 to Route 210 and Sterling Forest Gardens.

You can use packaged fine dry bread crumbs, corn meal or fine cracker crumbs as a coating for fried clams.

Mountaineers In Legion Supporting Adirondack Camp For War Veterans

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Along twelve hundred acres of the west shore of Tupper Lake, N.Y., stretches the great Adirondack Mountaineers are his prime target towards of 500 members or more in the Mountaineers from the St. Lawrence county area in 1962-63.

At the September meeting of the county organization, Commander Ramie appointed Harold J. McCullough, Ogdensburg as county Mountaineers chairman. Under Chairman McCullough's leadership the county hopes to go over the top with Mountaineer members in the year ahead.

Since 1923, more than 5,500 disabled New York war veterans have spent 185,000 free patient days of care and rest as Legion guests at the camp. The women's infirmary was built in 1947 by the New York American Legion Auxiliary.

A total summer staff at the camp runs close to 50 and is headed by William L. Feist, superintendent, who is expected to address the St. Lawrence county organization at a meeting in Gouverneur on Oct. 18.

The camp has virtually completed 40 years of service to disabled men and women vets and Legion families and through the generous support of the Mountaineers and Legionnaires and Auxiliary members at large, it will continue to serve recuperating veterans for many years ahead.

Fast Of Yom Kipper Begins Tonight

The 24-hour fast of Yom Kipper will begin tonight and will mark the climax of the High Holy Days of the Jews — ten days of penitence. Special services will be conducted at Anshe Zophen Synagogue by Rabbi David Kozak as follows:

Tonight, 7 o'clock, Kol Nidre; Monday, 8, 9 and 11:30 a.m. Yizkor; 7:10 p.m. end of fast.

The congregation will break the fast with a supper served by the Ladies Air, following the final service.

At that time, also, a farewell reception will be held in honor of Dr. Herman B. Snow, his wife and family. Dr. Snow has been a trustee of Congregation Anshe Zophen.


Woolworth Plans Discount Store Near Denver

New York — F. W. Woolworth company said it will build one of its Woolco discount department stores near Denver.

A 110,000-square-foot unit is slated to open early next spring in Westminster, a Denver suburb, Lester Davis, Woolco division general manager said.

Woolworth opened its first Woolco store June 6 in Columbus, O. The second unit opened Aug. 15 in Windsor, Ont. Woolworth plans to open another in Columbus, O., one in Richmond, Va., and units in Sudbury, Hamilton and Brantford, all in Ontario, this year.

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ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY FARMERS NOTE—Quadruplet calves, born Sunday, stand in the barn of Edna Cook of Chateaugay. According to Dr. J. D. Sweet of Chateaugay, who delivered them, the probability of such a birth is practically impossible. The mother of the quads is 4-year-old Parkdale Alta, a registered Holstein, purchased from Fred McGregor of Hastings, Que.

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